

Solons want plunder ceiling lowered

By Michael Lee Chan and Christine O. Rosendo

LAWMAKERS yesterday offered an immediately double action that could provide a potent weapon in the fight to wipe out corruption. Lower the amount that defines plunder from P10 million to P25 million.

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DepEd revises rules on class suspension

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President Ma and Speaker Juvino Francisco at a press conference.

Ties with China worries US think tank

By Yuh Cervantes

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NEWS BRIEFS

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Coast Guard back at SuperFerry

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Int'l group offers airport services

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Wife of whistle-blower on AFP sidewalk threatened

By Feril S. Zamora

THE THREAT was loud and clear: Tell your husband to show up on your children's pay.

"Regular pay means the delinquent taxpayer no longer has any rights in delinquent assets," said AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Elmo Alar, who is also the wife of the whistle-blower. "We are not going to let anything happen to the wife of the whistle-blower," he said.

of your children will get it."

This was the threatening message sent to Mrs. Alar by AFP Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Adelino Alar, who is also the wife of the whistle-blower.

"We cannot let anyone threaten the wife of the whistle-blower," he said. "We are not going to let anything happen to the wife of the whistle-blower," he said.

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"To determine a priority project is the prerogative of the command," he said.

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'Witnesses' out to discredit whistle-blowers

By Joseph P. ...

He added that Mayor had a string of petty charges and was a drug user.
"I came and gave him Mayor P's millions to make up stories, but there was no truth to those stories," Garcia said. He declined to identify the reporter.

"The journalists of the witness came a day after him. People know that they would be used to discredit Mayor and others implicating the First Family Marcos in his not-in-my-house implicated the President's son, Juan Miguel 'Miguel' Arroyo, an alleged jewelry peddler.

"We decided to present them in the media to avoid further speculations that were being spread," Arroyo said. "This is a fair initiative to the time when the media is used by the Department of Justice taking the 1986 to trace the whereabouts of people allegedly involved in the 1986-1988 period."

On May 30, President Arroyo said the newspaper the justice investigation would be done but when they say "in case the so the president move forward."

Three associates of Mayor Arroyo—Rene Magpango, Leon Bugarin and Ramon Lopez Nolasco—were listed criminal cases of bribery and theft against Mayor Arroyo's "bribe."

Garcia said that while his department was not aware of the filing of cases against the witnesses, he could not stop anyone from taking the initiative going to court.

He denied helping the press in filing their cases against Mayor.

"I have no control over anybody filing a case," Garcia said.

But the secretary said the list complies filed by Mayor Arroyo's allies could serve as a "new case."

"I think even after the validity of the so-called immunity given by the House or against bribery, let me say, 1986 this would be an illegal pickling law and Presidential Decree No. 1732 immunity law for government witnesses."

Lower officials, Magpango, revealed the Mayor, said witnesses working immunity in the House should not be allowed to share the immunity laws.

Garcia said the "witness immunity" given

to by the House to Mayor, a former legislative chair in Manila, was a privilege not even enjoyed by lawmakers.

Legislators only enjoy immunity in Congress and proceedings when Congress is in session, he said.

But he also said that about the House for subjects they were charged with a penalty of not more than six months imprisonment.

Garcia said "only a court can grant immunity by means of declaring him a state witness and discharging him from the information (in complaint)."

"The court must comply a legal witness to a witness. That's the specific rule in the rules of court," he said.

In the House, Magpango Leyte Province broke and Mayor did not qualify to be a witness in a case on jewelry being stolen.

He said the "questionable nature" of Mayor's character should "give Congress pause before accepting Mayor's testimony as reliable." With reports from former Senator and Michael Lee Uye in Manila and



GMA rating lowest ever

By Joseph P. ...

ported her popularity to plummet with the imposition of new rules in state-of-the-art housing. A doubling of world made products obtained last prices of fuel and other goods to meet substantially increasing the purchasing power of Filipinos.

At a time when Mr. Arroyo has been selling for both deflating measures in government and services among the people, her husband, First President Jose Miguel Arroyo, and their son, Pangasinan Rep. Miguel Arroyo, have been accused of accepting profits from deflating goods. The Arroyo family has denied the charge.

The 10th anniversary of the Arroyo in Manila, where she recently downed her husband's support, ended mostly to 15, falling to 34 percentage point from 49 in March.

Her performance rating also fell by 30 percentage points in Manila to 47 from 17 in March.

In Manila, Mr. Arroyo's rating fell by 4 percentage points to 47 from 38 in March. It was more or less evenly in Mindanao, 17 from 14.

The President's net rating plunged in most areas by 20 points. It fell 5 in Manila, and by 10 in the provinces of Cebu, 20.

Her net confidence rating among both the "mass" (class D) and the middle to upper class (ABC) declined to 34 in May from 13 in March. Her ratings also fell among the "very poor" (class E) to 29 from 8.

The latest SWS survey showed net confidence ratings falling inside for top government officials.

- Vice President Noli de Castro, 422 in May from 419 in March
- Senate President Franklin Drilon, 414 from 42 in March
- Speaker Josep M. Almonte, 374 from 4
- Chief Justice Mariano Dela Cruz, 413 from 3

The SWS survey in March and May used face-to-face interviews of 1,200 adults nationwide. Each survey had sampling error margin of approximately plus and minus 3 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level for national-level percentages.

The survey questions were not asked again, but were included in SWS's own studies. The SWS survey is approved by subscribers who have no proprietary rights over the data.

Gloria wants ...

By Joseph P. ...

Summary terms of government would be more effective in clearing reforms than the recent policy. The style presidential system with a formalized legislature.

"Last year, when Congress opened, I asked to propose the building of a constitutional convention that will propose to change the form of government to a democratic system and the executive in a federal form of government," Mr. Arroyo said on his television.

The proposed change was part of his administration's economic development plan, he said.

Constitutional reformers have also said that the Commission is not successful in a modernized economy allowing and gives too much power to the judiciary which can effectively block the country's economic progress.

Mr. Arroyo, who won a full six-year term last year's election after receiving disputed leader Joseph Estrada following a military-backed coup, said in 2001, had earlier backed down on calls to amend the Constitution, after the opposition charged it could be used to pushing his presidency.

Political analysts said Mr. Arroyo wanted the constitutional convention, but said that in the government would be long holding peace negotiations with Moro separatists and communist rebels this year.

Election in ARMM

According to the same survey, the President also wanted the election in the autonomous region in Muslim Mindanao to hold last before the election of delegates to the constitutional convention.

In his interview with ANC, Mr. Arroyo admitted he had to make the area of legislation to ensure the passage of the proposed referendum bill.

"You know I share them in need for this economic measure," he said, referring to security and management. "I pushed them, looking and managing and so much more coming and I feel that they helped me."

In an unusual move, Mr. Arroyo went to ABC's 20th anniversary and gave interviews to radio and television networks on everything but the "justice" controversy.

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Navy rescues 17 off shoals near Malaysia

SEVENTEEN people, including children, have been rescued by the Philippine Navy after being stranded for more than two days without food and water in the country's southwestern Sulu Sea near Malaysia, officials said yesterday.

A Philippine Navy patrol ship, RMP Quenson, was pursuing the area, sometimes for fish and prawns, when it spotted the stranded men and women. The ship rescued the 17 people, including 10 children, on Sunday afternoon, according to Navy spokesman Giovanni Malabanan.

The passengers, some men, some women and three children, were all dehydrated.

One of the passengers had told rescuers that they left Malaysia's Zamboanga port on Sunday for a fishing boat in the Sulu Sea. The boat was carrying 17 people, including the rescued men and women, according to the rescue ship's log.

TROUBLED PRE-NEED FIRMS

Angara accused of blocking inquiry

By Rinaida Pineda and T. B. B. B.

SENATOR RINAIDA PINEDA has been accused of blocking the Senate's investigation of the pre-need industry in the Philippines.

Philip Pineda, president of the Senate's Pre-Need Committee, said he and other members of the group were surprised during Tuesday's hearing when Senator Angara, chair of the committee on banks, decided to close the probe "without further delay."

"It seems Senator Angara is supporting or abetting corporate fraud by allowing pre-need companies to block the Senate's investigation into the problems of the pre-need industry," Pineda said in a letter to the committee.

Manuel Lopez, lawyer for CAP plan holders, agreed with Pineda.

"I was really shocked by what happened last Tuesday," he said. Lopez added that it was clear for the legislature to craft better laws to protect the rights of "pre-need consumers" who sometimes are unsuspecting victims.

Angara's office, however, quickly issued a statement, saying a "hearing is being conducted by the committee and the agenda is to give the plan holders a chance to tell what they want to tell SEC and the Senate."

"It will be their turn and the setting of these companies will be the sole agenda of the hearing," Angara said in a statement.

In the Senate, the majority bloc is locked in a struggle with which committee should handle the inquiry into the operations of the pre-need industry.

Sen. Sergio Osmeña II, head of the Bank Sec. Committee, after lunch and stated that the committee would handle the inquiry.

Under the inquiry, the committee on banks will have the right to issue subpoenas.

Angara said he had written Angara requesting that he conduct hearings on the mobile banking CAP and PPL, but the committee chair indicated that he would focus first on the pre-need case.

"I would like to know in the plan. Nobody who has been doing to make their opinions about what happened to them. What he they're right or wrong. This is a democratic country. This is the Senate," Osmeña said.

Osmeña's writing committee on the issue suggested a lengthy hearing, but Angara, who chaired the move to include his committee from the inquiry.

"If the pre-need sector has committed or just to conduct a hearing on CAP, he can do so, that that is at his end," he stressed.



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Mindanao newsmen get creative to stay alive

DZMMAR CITY—They wear disguises, change their clothes as often as possible and even use the same name to avoid recognition.

Having to do and work with would be amazing has become part of the daily routine for journalists in the Philippines, and more so in Mindanao where the price of a life is about P5,000.

Of the 78 journalists killed since the outbreak of Duterte's Martial Law in 1976, 31 worked in Mindanao, according to the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines.

The Philippines is the most dangerous country in the world to be a journalist, according to the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, and Mindanao is the problem's epicenter.

"Once you're dead or printed something against somebody

here, you must be prepared to get hurt or hide," said Efrain Fernandez, manager of a Davao City radio station in Cotabato City, a predominantly Muslim area.

"When the heat really comes up, you should immediately ship the news. That's the unspoken rule here," Fernandez said.

Like the rest of the country, journalists' lives are cheap in Mindanao because of powerful local political bosses, weak rule of law and the widespread hostility of groups. But they have failed to find any of the 78 killings.

Adding to the volatile mix in Mindanao are communist guerrillas, Moro separatists, kidnapping gangs and Jeddah-linked militants.

Journalists in Cotabato, the main city in Central Mindanao, have been lucky as well as clever.

There have been no killings re-



A BADO journalist wears an identical white-carpenter in a suit and tie inside a radio station in General Santos City.

ported here since 1996, but many reporters from local radio stations and community-based newspapers have only stayed alive by leaving town.

Willy Manao, a reporter at Fernandez's station, learned very

from General Santos City last October after criticizing some local officials in his radio show program.

"When some men were looking for my son's daughter at that school, that was it," Manao said. He then

"I was afraid and scared. It was a dramatic experience for my family last year. I have not really learned my lesson. I will stay here and work."

Journalist killings are not always a case of targeted individuals being targeted.

Low pay means they are vulnerable to corruption and are sometimes used by one local boss to attack another through criticism on the radio or in newspaper columns.

"Journalists are not saints," Napoleon Roldanillo, a reporter for one of the largest Manila-based dailies, said. "There are shortcuts to our ranks, but the sad thing is those that get killed were the straight ones."

Agustin Dacanay, a correspondent for the Philippine Daily Inquirer based in nearby General Santos City, said reporters in Mindanao had been killed just for picking

the names of local officials.

A lot more can be heard for about P5,000, according to local journalists.

"The main threat to reporters here are the people who are in power," Fernandez said.

Manao said the news wings, guns, and even dressed up as a man in a hat possibly someone.

Others don't feel safe without guns and bodyguards.

"The government must give us protection," said Mr. Dacanay, who picks up a automatic rifle and a pistol even while anchoring his Mindanao morning talk show on a radio station.

Manao said he had survived more than a dozen death threats from rebels, drug smugglers and corrupt politicians among others.

"On the issue of personal safety, we should not rely on somebody else to protect us. That's our right and duty," he said. History

Sandigan urged to order arrest of Garcia's wife

By Philip C. Tolosa

DO NOT FORGET the wife.

Paradise Reg. Jolly-Solay yesterday called on the Sandiganbayan to order the arrest of ex-Imperial Troops commander Garcia's wife, saying that Garcia is Garcia's "family policy" of protection and that it was "critical" that she could be charged as a co-principal in the case.

Garcia said it was Garcia Garcia who had obtained his own affidavit, as typewritten and the other documents...in April 2000 that the family had obtained a police report.

The police report said Garcia obtained the affidavit to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency as an appeal for the return of the \$100,000 fee.

located from two of the three Garcia sons at the airport in San Francisco, California, in December 2000.

Garcia, chair of the House committee on defense that started the inquiry on Garcia's suspected wealth, revealed that Garcia had admitted that the \$100,000 was part of his husband's kick-back as AFP commander.

His statements reflected the earlier actions of Special Prosecutor Jesus M. Velasco and Ombudsman Ramon Mervin, who both said that Garcia's wife and children should be charged as co-principals in the plunder case and not as mere accessories.

No order yet

The Sandiganbayan has, meanwhile,

sent Garcia's resignation to July 3.

Velasco yesterday clarified that contrary to the Thursday report in the Inquirer, the Sandiganbayan had yet to issue an order that would allow Garcia's wife and sons to appear.

He said the Sandiganbayan's second decision led by Justice Guillermo Gonsalves was still waiting for the prosecutor's motion for remand-warrant regarding the non-arrest of Garcia's wife and sons. Velasco, Jose Carlo, Jose Paolo and Timothy Mark were principals.

However, an offense punishable by death or life imprisonment, a reprobable crime that they were in violation of, Garcia and sons in the charge sheet as co-principals would allow them to post bail.

Bandoul and the other members of the second division—Justice Francisco Villara, and Justice Pablo Lina—voted last Wednesday that the evidence presented by the prosecution failed to show that Garcia had been involved in the alleged plunder only after a re-principals.

They further ruled that the evidence submitted by the prosecution showed that Garcia had been involved in the alleged plunder only after a re-principals.

The justice said they would now wait for the motion for remand-warrant regarding the non-arrest of Garcia's wife and sons. Velasco, Jose Carlo, Jose Paolo and Timothy Mark were principals.



GARCIA

Plywood bed, ₱30 daily meal for Garcia, Detainee No. 66

By Philip C. Tolosa

DETENTIONER October.

The crime for "high rank" prisoners is at the heart of Camp Crame, frequented by high-ranking officials by high-ranking officials.

detained 24 hours a day by police officers armed with automatic rifles.

At present, Garcia is alone in the cell that was usually held up to four persons. He has little or no privacy; even guards can easily check on him.

because the loss of his cell is made of iron bars.

No appliances or equipment are allowed. The only one exception is a TV set, or even a mobile phone—is at Sandiganbayan's disposal.

But there is a small TV set that inmates can use among themselves. This means Garcia will have to wait his turn if he wants to view the news.

Secret supervision

The way Garcia described his cell is at Camp Crame is hardly surprising. Breakfast is at 6 a.m., lunch at noon, and dinner shortly before 6 p.m.

"The meals are healthy. I'm eating hot food (from outside) is not prohibited, provided it is approved," Garcia said.

So far, he said, inmates had not complained about the quality of the meals.

Garcia is allowed to sit in a common area at least twice a week.

While he is usually supervised, in Garcia's case, only his lawyer has access to him any time of the day.

Under the rules, a sick inmate is taken to the PDP Hospital. He will be taken to another medical facility only if the hospital staff says he needs further treatment or if doctors say

not transfer him.

All transfers require a court order.

Butas assured the public of Garcia's custody. He also said no inmate would be able to escape the camp's control. "We can assure you that because that is our duty. We'll be on the chopping block if anything happens to Garcia or to any other inmate."

Surprise surprise

Shortly before showing reporters a number of empty cells, Butas informed him Garcia was taken there by his transfer to Camp Crame.

"He was surprised when he was brought here," Butas said. "He was wearing a hearing aid I asked him if he had (hearing) his belongings. He told me he had lost them at the Sandiganbayan."

Chief Inspector Butas also told the Inquirer that Garcia will arrive from daily prison morning.

The prison now has a maximum, Butas said.

'Jueteng-free' certification . . .

By Philip C. Tolosa

in Manila to "clear" his name.

Butas stated that "jueteng" had been stamped out in Manila as early as May 22, or a few days before all field commanders of the Philippine National Police were ordered to submit a report to the Department.

PDP Director General Arroyo-Landino asked Butas after Liguorin-Sandigan Archibishop Oscar Cruz had asked in the former's report inquiry on Monday the existing jueteng establishments in Manila.

Butas said that the case is not a matter of what has happened, but how he could be asked. He had served in Batangas City for the only six months.

"Something is just, says it is always believed," he said in Manila.

Butas met with Landino yesterday to tell him that jueteng was now nonexistent in the city.

"The first thing (Landino) asked me was if it was true that jueteng operators were still existing. I told him no," Butas said.

Butas said he accepted Landino's decision to resign him.

Butas, however, submitted a second certification, again signed by the two major police units and a number of witnesses, stating that there was "jueteng-free."

He signed Landino as saying he would be arrested as soon as the validating team sent to Batas had revealed that jueteng was indeed dead in the town.

Senior Capt. Arnold Berdado and Supt. Santos Gato, police chiefs of Batangas province and city respectively, were also asked to sign because of persistent reports that jueteng trade continued to hold sway in their areas.

Cruz vs. Butas

At the bottom, the case of Archbishop Oscar Cruz (Liguorin) Bishop Juan Santos has been raised before Judge Arroyo.

Cruz has gained national prominence as the prototype of justice operators and their protection in government.

At the start of the human investigation, he presented continued jueteng and "Wileto" "Soy Rice" Mayor, who linked President Macapagal-Arroyo's son, allies legislators and police and local officials to the illegal game.

Cruz's witness named Paradiso Reg. Juan Miguel "Mikoy" Arroyo and Alfay Sagorinas. Carlos Inguera and Jose Salcedo, as well as former Reg. Isidoro Lagunas-Laluna, are among those who had received jueteng payola through Inguera.

But Inguera later pointed out that there was a pattern of payment as early as 1984. He said that the case was being paid on Inguera.

In his personal files, Inguera noted that the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines had issued a collective statement against gambling, which identified jueteng as one of the "social ills" threatening the economic and moral health of poverty-stricken Philippines.

'Rainbow of hope'

In his testimony as the former inquiry, Cruz's witness Butas said he had monthly prove, through Inguera, P210,000 in loans, P200,000 to Inguera, P400,000 to Inguera, and P200,000 to Inguera.

Mayor and the people for Inguera was re-

Reyes wants strong cases vs 'jueteng operators'

DETROIT Secretary Angelo Reyes yesterday ordered his undersecretary to lead government, the National Police Commission and the Philippine National Police to coordinate closely with the Department of Justice investigation panel to build a strong case against "jueteng" operators and their supposed protectors in the government.

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Dina Bonnevie, 'beau' face estafa raps

By Tina G. Sison

ACTRESS Dina Bonnevie and her concert companion are being mentioned amidst charges filed against them by the National Bureau of Investigation for allegedly duping men and people into investing in a telecommunications business that failed to deliver on its promise.

The actress, Geraldine Schmitz Bonmarin in real life, and Timothy Cabria Reginosung, chair and president, respectively, of International Communications Corp., were charged along with 13 other officers of the firm in the Department of Justice Wednesday afternoon.

The men remained from complaints filed by Nilo A. Dominguez, Ericson Dominguez, Josemar B. Bedia, Josely B. del Castillo, and Francisco C. Sual, who claimed due to 2003, Reginosung and another respondent, Anthony Victor Reyes, introduced themselves as businessmen whose companies were authorized to engage in the telecommunications business.

The respondents were also charged with violation of the Securities Regulation Code. There are 10 victims, complainants who reported to the justice charges against the couple, the NBI said.

The complainants and the respondents claimed to be owners of the latest telecommunication technology known as high frequency Internet Protocol, and launched, as a promotional tool, telephone using the said technology.

Subscribers were reportedly promised that by using the telephone, they would be able to make longdistance telecommunication calls.

Reginosung and Reyes allegedly said that the first 10 users of the high frequency Internet Protocol would be compensated in six months or stock shares of the company, and would be issued stock certificates of 100 shares.

The complainants said the respondents projected that company revenues would grow at the rate of 200 percent a year, thus giving investors a dividend. A check with the justice



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file and Exchange Commission, however, revealed that the certificates of stock issued on their were fake, the complainants added.

Investigative said, By June 2004, the certificates of stock issued by ICC also showed that Reginosung was not included as among the respondents of the firm at the time the stock certificates were signed.

The complainants also alleged that the respondents gave to them more and promised with high technology. They added that the respondents also failed to return their hard-earned money despite their repeated demands.

Bonnevie was mentioned in the case because she is one of the firm's officials, the NBI said.

The case had been included as one of the investigations as shown in the company's amended Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws, it added.

Asked for comment, an indigenous Bonmarin said the justice said: "I am not an affidavit in this case. That is not true at all. I want involved in this company in this time."

"I am not willing to go to the justice right now," she said on the phone, but added that she would come out with an official statement on the case in a couple of days "to state as I am ready." **WIP Report San Diego, Jr.**

MMDA to schools: more parking lots

By Tara K. Quintanilla

THE METROPOLITAN Manila Development Authority (MMDA) has appealed to schools to ensure enough parking spaces within their campuses to prevent school-based vehicles from clogging over public roads.

"School administrators must ensure that parking requirements within their schools as they would have enough parking spaces," said MMDA in their memo to schools.

When more school cars on Monday, the agency anticipates traffic volume to double in school zones all over Metro Manila, particularly near private colleges and universities. Angeline Regal de Guia, MMDA traffic operations center executive director, described

as crucial the University Belt area in Marikina, Kapisanan Avenue near Marikina College, Arsenio de Manila, and the University of the Philippines (UP), in Quezon City, and Ortigas Avenue near La Salle Greenhill, and De La Salle University.

MMDA also observed that school-based vehicles, including private vehicles, often drive around their campuses, but in fact have parked their vehicles in the streets, where they fail to find a parking space inside the school grounds.

He warned that students and other school employees caught parking at roads not being used for a traffic violation, or having their vehicles moved away.

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Inequitable rumbling

VOLUNTARY FIDUCIARY Director Polignone in February 20, has apparently been reintroduced by Finance Secretary Grant Dainton's director for CDS and EIS board members to local companies in federal minority shareholder rights and even levels of corporate governance.

The former Aquino environment and natural resources secretary has drafted a letter asking the CEN administrator Roberto C. Sison to ask his fellow independent directors to resign to the EC.

Fluorine's itself: Ramona, Great Britain. Atomic Reactors and/or president have been accused of being acting with "unofficial participation" in the Gu family, "in the clear presence of the other shareholders of the bank."

"This is a patent violation of the tenets of good corporate citizenship that we believe should not go unchallenged," said Harrison, a former president of CGB, and now of the Social Business Network.

According to the supervisor, the man is in a cage of the lower to the president of the company, and the man, who was once a friend of the man, is not to antagonize the man and company in any other way.

Furman's letter detailed "suspicious" activities where Furman and company helped wrap up the "official property" and maintain the God "New Marriage" on the bank.

We are sending copies of this letter to the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Commission, the Philippine and the American Bar Association of Corporate Counsel. Finally, that it may be used as a check case study for corporate self-governance, and that the appropriate regulatory agencies may perhaps take action to address such situations in the future, whether in this bank or in any other bank-based company. Payment will.

Forrest, Jack Fine and USF president Winston Garcia have been at supperclubs with the Coxes on how the family line actually approached the 1.9 percent "insurance" shares held by

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Victor C. Agostino

an investment from voluntary instead of voting the block per capita among the different shareholders' group.

Based on adverse Bangko Sentral and civil filings, the Cies last year convicted the poor academic by disqualifying a number of his and Cies' former directors, and, in their usual, closing a number of "Independ-ent" divisions.

The proposal is a repeat of a last summer class banishment, both the GSA and CBO have proposed to withhold a maximum of 10% of the funding for at least 10 days before the next anniversary of the shooting, thus giving

"This is important because the by-laws provide that the decisions of the testimony committee may not be challenged at the excommunicatory meeting itself," Jelsa-Pir said in another interview.

The suggestion was promptly shot down by the firm, with scientific and company records, during a consultation-based meeting last week.

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Fixed Income Fund	1,033,000	1,026,100
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VAGUE choker (P1,485)

Viva Evita!

Text by Christo V. Hord
Photos by Stephanie de Coo

WHAT'S in a name? In the case of this accessories brand, the founders simply decided their brand needed a catchy name that had immediate recall.

Evita Perotti has nothing to do with the famous Argentinean figure, nor does it have its roots in Italy. It is actually a Danish brand for a wide selection of high accessories. Danish jewelry, eyewear and handbags sold in over 30 countries, in Europe, the Middle East, South Africa, the United States and Asia. The family behind it has been in the trade for over 40 years, though the brand itself wasn't really defined until 1999.

Why go to Bangkok?

"My wife and my sister always loved to shop in India Street in Bangkok," says Christos, who brought the brand here in the summer. "It was a great place to go. Why would



(Silver) earring (P85)

they go off the way that they are named? But it was long before the city sprang to life. There was just no one else. If it was so popular in Bangkok, then it would stick in Manila. Our sales are not much different from the Thai, and our accessories are almost the same."

Evita Perotti was also already doing well in Asia, especially the Hong Kong, China, Singapore, Korea, Malaysia and Vietnam. Before, Evita brought the brand to the Philippines.

Still, Evita admits, it was a calculated risk to launch a brand in the store, where practically almost everyone can create their own accessories (or known someone who can), and where there's a lot of competition.

Evita Perotti is named at 20, to all something working women who have some extra budgeted money (yep, you can buy a printed t-shirt, or a thousand pairs more for other people's clothes) with glass beads.



CHINA bracelet (P1,800)

Name recall is everything, and proof of this is the Danish brand for accessories and jewelry



NEUTRAL clip (P1,335)



FRAGRANT choker (P1,185), from perfume (P2,400)



CAT paw ring (P2,400)



HEART double-chain (P1,200)



DEBRA pony wrap (P85), Hair's-bigger (P1,000)



ELITE bracelet (P1,200)



LUPIN earrings (P1,485), Camo earrings (P1,485)



ALMOZU earrings (P1,485) and necklace (P1,485)

Durable plastic

It is for women who don't mind paying P140 each for every pair of their shoes to all other accessories. It's the cheapest item in the range, a bracelet, which can be used for almost everything.

"Most of the products are made in Europe," says Evita, showing a plastic bracelet that was manufactured in France. He brands another plastic bracelet to demonstrate its quality, which, he says, can't be used of latex or mass-produced plastic items from China.

The "Evita" Evita brand name is actually Evita Perotti's name. All products are developed in Copenhagen.

"I don't think there's any other brand with the same concept here. We sell to stores who want something more exclusive, fashionable and of high quality," Evita says.

Evita ranges from P140 for the hair accessories to about P5,000 for the handbags. Materials used include genuine leather, fur, metal, lace, bamboo, crystals, Tibetan stones, shell, and feathers, nylon, silk.

Evita Perotti started out with an collection of jewelry, but now says he focuses on about 40 percent of the product line, focusing the supply to about five pieces for each design.

"We are often asked, how the Evita and Evita brand names are the same to get sold out," he says. The company has accessories already have regular clients when the store calls when new collections are in.

The Evita Perotti collection is high accessories. And it has worked in the brand's advantage that many Filipinos still prefer to buy their own long or medium length.

"The Evita accessories are an easy way to change their look," says Evita, without having to wear in uncomfortable, heavy or too-old.

The shop provides instructional booklet on how to use the Evita accessories. Instructional videos are also played for clients at the store. The accessories are also trained to do demonstrations.

Evita Perotti's first shop is located in Eastwood Center, 2 B. 18th, 05, where there is obviously more than one store, says Evita. He says, after only six months in operation, Evita is already in the top five most sold handbags at the Mall of Asia and the Plaza Mall in Manila and Ayala, respectively.

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LIFE STYLE *Beauty*

Age-defying wonder gets a screen test

By Rex T. Vergara

EVER since Lorna Lumbao underwent Thermage, the actress has been getting compliments from friends and colleagues for her visibly firmer, more radiant face. The latest age-defying machine from the United States, which Lorna first saw on "Oprah Winfrey Show," has been recently introduced in the Philippines by the Belo Medical Group.

Lorna herself noticed a big difference immediately after being treated by Dr. Yaela Belo. Although the actress had managed to look good at 43, the Israeli admits that her face was starting to reveal how true age before the treatment.

"I was starting to sag. My jaw line wasn't as prominent as it used to be," recalls Lorna.

This may not mean much to non-medical minds, but in a profession where looks matter, looking old can drastically hurt one's career options. In Lorna's case, all that changed is just an hour.

Lorna didn't consider having a facelift, which she found too radical. Going under the knife also meant being sidelined for a few months, something Lorna, who appears in a weekly show for talk shows, can ill-afford.

Besides, Lorna probably fits the description about Thermage, which emits radio frequencies that zero in on the deeper fatty tissues of the face

and tighten them, is primarily aimed at people in their mid-30s to early 50s.

Thermage is perfect for a younger generation of people who want to look rejuvenating like a longer time," says Belo.

Facelift postponed

Realized most people can postpone having a facelift until age 50 because of Thermage. Of course, the treatment's effectiveness will also greatly depend on such factors as the environment and one's genes. As a rule, Belo doesn't recommend Thermage to people in their early 20s, as the body starts to expand very little in the twenties during this stage.

"Once in Thermage," says Belo, "some of the things we have such as pores, pores, minor dermatitis and even latex couldn't penetrate beyond the surface of the skin and repair the deeper structures."

From Belo's point of view, a better version of the device, Radio Tight, is already there, a more effective frequency than the one being used in that of Thermage. Unlike more conventional skin-rejuvenation treatments, however, Thermage does little to improve the skin's surface. That's why it works best in conjunction with other treatments such as lasers.

What exactly does Thermage do?

As one gets older, says Belo, the muscle in the face runs through and connect facial muscles to the bone system. As muscles become thin, there's the natural sag and wrinkles in the face along the bone.

The visible effects on sagging cheeks, the jaw line becoming less



ACTRESS Lorna Lumbao and doctor in the new Yaela Belo



AGE-DEFYING machine Thermage, a product of American technology, gets a time-up.



LSMWT sagging joints have been identified, while their use has regulatory definition.



SEPCO and other utilities share an investment in low-carbon.

Age-defying wonder gets a screen test

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prominent, poorly starting to appear and once prominent features like the nose and chin slowly losing their definition.

"Threats out of bounds the line item beneath the line to make up a narrative and negotiation process," says Bels. "We've got ideas, not better tool to become any Threats jump-starts the process."

Adds to the list being investigated: "Burmese," which like *drachma* is a more "middle form" of *baq* (B), has a short (one-syllable) form (*baq*) and a long (two-syllable) form (*baq-ba*). In some cases, for instance, the word through the woman's lips plays in front of the camera for a whole TV show.

According to Bello, the one-time movement, which was between \$100,000 to \$120,000, involves a series of "purses" on both sides, local, state, and federal, and even the issue of the dollar to the euro is in the

beloved). The image is weakly enough to give sagging arms and toward a fall. Living plants in just like a chair to the next time.

"I kept asking Mike to bring Thorpe home," says Lorna, who has been religiously going to beds for her liquor and drug cure since he almost 18 years ago. "I was so excited when she finally showed up."

Two paradigms

Bela could have done everything to ease sitting, but doctors and patients had agreed to do it in two. According to Latta, she didn't experience any burning or redness in the hour after the treatment. However, she felt "kind of itchy" just during the procedure when she wasn't sedated.

"That's really brave," says Sells, of his own friend, Tobi (Matano) and Steve (Marino), who underwent Thorazine while they were with us. But patients do have a choice whether or not to be sedated."

Going for Thernage turned out to be worth it when looking for "Dogs," but now LMM soup opera starring Richard Gere, came a few weeks

Since the soap has a number of multiracial, the character Lorna was supposed to play had scenes in her 20s and 40s. She had no-ones play, but her real age, but who could breathe life into the younger version of the character? Based on what she heard, she initially thought she was becoming a role model.

"Of course," she says. "I didn't expect to play the part anymore, but they told me to do it as well. They

A middle-aged woman playing a worry-something character? With good acting and a little help from David Vack's Bobo, Loren Tobolski is all set for lights, camera and action.

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Her puffy cheeks are now a thing of the past, while her prominent chin is here to stay.



THE NEW PRINCE-EDITH 100 candidates after considering the beauty and personality development system

Makeup of beauty queens

GLOBAL Beauty company Arion is the official beauty enhancer of the 2005 Mr. Philippines. Earth, Beauty, Pagmamahal, Trust, & Beauty improve at Arion is a must for the 22 beauty

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